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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - NORTHWEST SCHEDULE

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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFFS FOUND GOJ HAD NOT REPLIED TO NW JUNE 8 SCHEDULE CHANGE APPLICATION BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED LATER APPLICATION OF MAY 2 TO DECREASE SERVICE AS SUPERCEDING JUNE 8 APPLICATION. THEREFORE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS RENEWING JUNE 8 APPLICATION. WATANABE ALSO DISAGREES WITH USG POSITION THAT GOJ FAILURE TO RESPOND TO APPLICATION CONSTITUTES APPROVAL. GOJ POSITION REMAINS NEGATIVE ON NW OVERNIGHT STAYS. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL WITH FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION DIRECTOR K. WATANABE, MOFA. HE TOLD US THAT GOJ HAS NOT ACTED ON NORTHWEST AIRLINE'S (NWA) JUNE 8 SCHEDULE CHANGE BECASUE OF MAY 2 NWA APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF BUSINESS PROGRAM TO DECREASE SERVICE, EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, NECESSITATED BY THE NWA PILOT STRIKE. THIS APPLICATION, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY JCAB, CAME AFTER THE JUNE 8 SERVICE APPLICATION HAD BEEN FILED AND WAS IN THE FORM OF A "CHANGE OF PROGRAM APPLICATION." WATANABE
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SAID NWA MUST SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION, BECAUSE THE MAY 2 APPLICATION SUPERCEDED THE ONE FOR JUNE 8.

3. WATANABE ALSO SAID THAT THE NWA SCHEDULE IN EFFECT ON APRIL 30 REMAINS IN EFFECT IF THE STRIKE SUDDENLY ENDS. THE GOJ DOES NOT AGREE THAT THE JUNE 8 SCHEDULE AUTOMATICALLY BECOME EFFECTIVE IF GOJ DOES NOT RESPOND; NOR, DOES

IT BELIEVE FAILURE TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE IS A VIOLATION OF THE 1959 AGREED MINUTE. HE SAID THAT USG FAILURE TO DEAL WITH THE OVERNIGHT ISSUE COULD BE CONSTRUED AS A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 12 OF THE BILATERAL. THE GOJ, HE NOTED, DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY NWA CANNOT CHANGE ITS SCHEDULE TO MEET SEOUL CURFEW REQUIREMENTS.

4. WATANABE NOTED THAT THE OVERNIGHT ISSUE COULD BE DISCUSSED ON A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT BASIS. THEN, HE SAID, THE U.S. SIDE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW CONVINCING REASON FOR HAVING THE OVERNIGHT. HE INDICATED THE ISSUE WAS ALSO THE TYPE THAT COULD BE TRADED FOR OTHER TRAFFIC RIGHTS, SUCH AS FIFTH FREEDOM FROM WEST COAST TO MEXICO, OR GOJ MIGHT AGREE TO ALLOW OVERNIGHTS TEMPORARILY UNTIL NWA INTRODUCES WINTER SCHEDULE.

5. COMMENT: MAY 2 NWA APPLICATION CAUGHT EMBOFFS BY SURPRISE. SINCE IT DID NOT INVOLVE INCREASE IN CAPACITY, APPLICATION WAS NOT SUBMITTED THROUGH EMBASSY. BECAUSE OF IT, WATANABE WAS ABLE TO SIDESTEP ENTIRE NON-RESPONSE ISSUE. WE RECOMMEND THAT JUNE 8 SCHEDULE APPLICATION BE RENEWED WITH GOJ BY LETTER FROM EMBASSY WHICH COULD CLEARLY REQUEST REPLY. PLEASE ADVISE. MANSFIELD

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